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DIFFICULTIES IN RECRUITING MINE LABOR -- Borba, No 76, 30 Mar 49

The management of the "Dobra Breca" mine in Serbia has succeeded in recruiting many new workers for the mine. Experience from last year's campaign has shown the advisability of sending miners out into the field as recruiting officers, as they are best able to explain living and working conditions in the mine and to persuade recruits of the advantages of working there.

However, their success depends also on how much help the manpower committees of the local People's Councils and the local party organizations offer them. For example, in the villages of Crni Vrh, Djustica, and Stanjinac, 34 new workers were recruited and signed contracts in one day. In the village of Balta Berilovac on the same day, only two contracts were signed. The villages had about the same population and were equally poor. The local government and party organizations in Balta Berilovac would not help because, they claimed, they needed manpower to build cooperative headquarters and for other local projects.

The Local People's Council in Janja gave the mine recruiters the names of 30 persons who, however, proved to be already employed, except for five or six who were not qualified for mine work. The recruiters discovered that there were many other eligibles, but that the People's Council had withheld their names because of local interests. In Janja, for example, a young man who was qualified as a miner was employed at a lunch counter. Another young man attended the warehouse in the local cooperative, a post that could easily have been filled by an invalid or an elderly person. The People's Council of the same village refused to release the commander of the camp for pre-military training, although the camp lasted only 15 or 20 days per year.

The manpower administration in the Srez People's Council in Svrlijig hired only eight persons for the mines in Svrlijig Srez, although 60 were needed. These eight refused to stay longer than a month because they had been so instructed by the manpower administration.

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Now that the season for farm work has arrived, more workers are leaving the mines. To prevent this, mine managements have begun to sign contracts for a year's work with the miners. The contracts bind the miners to remain as regular workers, and the managements to supply them properly and on time. Several hundred of these contracts have been signed so far.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER FOR LABOR PROJECTS -- Borba, No 63, 15 Mar 49

A total of 171,500 teen-age boys and girls from all parts of Yugoslavia will take part in the two great voluntary labor projects this year. Of these, over 116,000 will work on the Brotherhood and Unity Highway, which is to be finished by the end of the year. The others will work in Belgrade, building housing, parks, athletic grounds, and other projects, including a housing community in New Belgrade.

Most of the youth will come from the country. The others are students and secondary school pupils.

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